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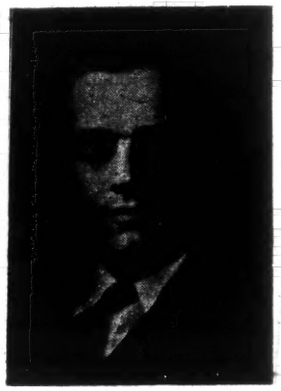
Trusted Leader At The Helm

Dr. Harold John Ockenga, Boston Pastor, Heads Association

T h e paramount need of evangelicals is for an organization by which their convictions may be expressed and their actions unified. "One shall chase a thousand but two shall chase ten thousand." Totali-



Dr. H. J. Ockenga

tarianism has taught us that we must have a new technique in action or we will be liquidated. We have been speaking, acting and working independently of one another. As a result we have had no means of influencing the great national trends.

Representative Gathering

At St. Louis, from April 7th to 9th, a historic meeting was held. A widespread conviction for the need of such evangelical testimony and action caused the spontaneous response to a call sent forth by a temporary committee for a council of evangelicals. One hundred and forty-seven leaders responded from all parts of America. The conference was marked by a sober realization of our need, and by a new disposition on the part of evangelicals to cooperate with one another. The three days of discussion resulted in a temporary organization.

Dr. Ockenga Drafted

The new association was exceedingly fortunate in being able to draft as its first term president Dr. Harold John Ockenga, the dynamic and youthful pastor of historic Park Street Church of Boston. Dr. Ockenga's unusual ability, both as an administrator and scholarly minister of t h e W o r d, splendidly qualifies him to head this great national movement of evangelicals.

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REGIONAL CONFERENCES SWEEPING COUNTRY

New York and Boston Report Revival Spirit As Initial Conferences Are Launched

RADIO PROBLEMS REVIEWED

By J. Elwin Wright

Radio Institute Meets

The Institute for Education by Radio, held at Columbus, Ohio, annually, has become a clearing house for ideas in the field of educational and religious broadcasting. The Religious Work-Study Group of the conference for 1941 appointed a committee to draft certain recommendations for changes in policy for religious broadcasts. The recommendations, five in number, were submitted to the 1942 conference, held May 3-6. These were as follows:

Conference Recommendations

1. THAT religious radio programs, received in the homes of individuals of different religious faiths, should be addressed to a cross-section of the public — to Protestants, Catholics, Jews and non-believers—and not to members of any one faith. Exceptions to this recommendation are special event religious programs such as denominational conventions, eucharistic C o n gresses and Passover services.

2. THAT religious programs should not attack beliefs of members of other faiths. When religious doctrines are expounded on the air, the presentation should be strictly affirmative.

3. THAT the broadcasting of religious programs should be provided by radio stations in keeping with their responsibility to serve the "public interest, convenience and necessity." Religious programs, like educational broadcasts, should be presented on a sustaining basis, without payment for time.

4. THAT time available be allocated by networks or local station management in co-operation with advisory committees from the various faiths, in order to insure fair treatment of the various religious bodies seeking representation on the air. Also, that time for religion on the air should be provided in accordance with (a) the merit of the program for which time is sought; (b) the numerical strength of the various religious faiths within the service areas of the networks or local stations.

5. THAT regular religious radio programs should not appeal for contributions either directly or indirectly, for the support of the radio program itself. Nor should a charge for sermons, pamphlets or religious objects, distributed through religious programs, be used by the sponsor as a means of raising funds.

Delegates Sent

Upon notification that these recommendations were to be taken up, President Harold J. Ockenga of the National Association of Evangelicals for United Action appointed Dr. Harold Lundquist of Chicago and Rev. J. Elwin Wright of Boston to cover the sessions and present the evangelical viewpoint. It seemed evident from the form of these recommendations that an attempt was being instituted to get the evangelical broadcasts off the air.

As a result of the vigorous protests of these representatives of the National Association of Evangelicals, the recommendations were changed in a way that has in many respects protected the rights of evangelicals. We give the recommendations as finally passed. (The italics are ours.)

1. THAT religious programs intended for the listening of

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Doctrinal Basis of The National Association of Evangelicals For United Action

It shall be required that those holding membership shall subscribe to the following doctrines:

1). That we believe the Bible to be the inspired, the only infallible, authoritative Word of God.

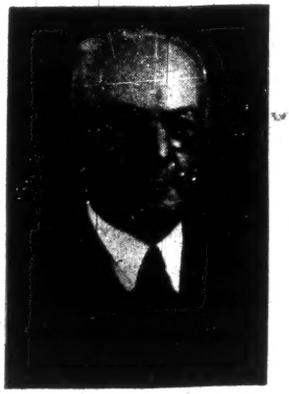
2). That we believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

3). That we believe in the deity of Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father and in His personal return in power and glory.

4). That because of the exceeding sinfulness of human nature we believe in the absolute necessity of regeneration by the Holy Spirit for salvation.

5). That we believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto the resurrection of life and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation.

6). That we believe in the spiritual unity of believers in Christ.



J. Alvin Orr, Chairman Committee on Doctrine

RALLIES ATTRACT FINE GROUP OF EVANGELICALS

A New York regional conference, in Calvary Baptist Church, on Monday, June 8th, brought a large and distinguished group of Christian leaders to that city to acquaint them with the National Association of Evangelicals for United Action, which was formed at St. Louis, Mo., April 7-9, 1942, and to discuss further development. On Tuesday, June 9th, an equally representative group met in Park Street Church, Boston, for the New England regional convention.

President Howard W. Ferrin

At the ten-thirty session Mr. Howard W. Ferrin, President of Providence Bible Institute, brought a very stirring and inspiring message on "The Lost Chord, or The Revival We Need." His text was: Revelation 2:4—"Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love."

Mr. Ferrin's address was followed by a period of prayer for revival. The spirit of God was in this meeting in a very marked way, and there was a time of true humility and melting before God, with petitions for forgiveness and revival.

President Nathan R. Wood

The afternoon session was opened with a very interesting report brought by Dr. Nathan R. Wood, President of Gordon College of Theology and Missions, under the title of "Coronado," for the convention had met at the Hotel Coronado in St. Louis, Mo., April 7-9, 1942. Dr. Wood, speaking not as an officer of the Association but as an interested observer, said, "We have organized with the purpose of providing a clearing house, a congress, or better yet a **united voice**, a combined influence of countless evangelical — fundamentally evangelical — Christian churches and organizations. It

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Temporary Office

At present all accounts are being handled by Miss Gertrude D. Clark, office secretary and assistant treasurer. Her temporary office is at Zero Park Street, Boston, Mass.

TRUSTED LEADER AT THE HELM

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Evangelical Voice

This new organization was formed because it was the substantially unanimous conviction of the group that no other organization either represented the convictions of evangelicals or was so formed as to act for them. Millions of evangelicals at present are both unrepresented in any interdenominational movement and have unvoiced convictions.

Therefore the National Association of Evangelicals for United Action was formed to present a clearing house for evangelical radio broadcasting, evangelical missions, evangelism, Christian Education, separation between church and state, and other interests common to evangelicals.

The present organization is only temporary and will remain in a fluid state until the National Constitutional Convention, to be convened in Chicago from April 27 to 29, 1943. The present Executive Committee, with the assistance of an Advisory Committee of twenty-five prominent evangelical leaders, will guide the organization during this formative year.

Thoroughly Democratic

Every church, organization, or denomination signing its form of application, and being accepted by this Committee between now and the National Convention will have a proportionately representative delegation to express its convictions and desires before this movement is crystallized permanently. It should be emphasized that any evangelical may yet have his say.

Contentious Versus Evangelical Christianity

BY HAROLD J. OCKENGA

Fact Stated

At the St. Louis Convention a very important issue was raised; namely, Is the National Association of Evangelicals for United Action willing to attack the Federal Council of Churches? This issue has reappeared in numerous magazine articles since the St. Louis Convention.

The position taken by all but six delegates voting on April 8th at St. Louis, and officially the position of the National Association of Evangelicals for United Action is that we will not attack the Federal Council. Let this be plainly stated and understood.

Position Explained

This is a matter on which there should be no misinformation. The Federal Council of Churches does not represent the delegates at St. Louis or the members of the National Association of Evanglicals for United Action or they would not have been at St. Louis, nor have organized into this association. The Federal Council represents, in the large, different convictions from the National Association of Evangelicals for United Action. The latter is strictly evangelical in doctrine and practice.

Support Evidenced

There are in America millions of evangelicals unrepresented by the Federal Council. These Christians are not interested in drawing up indictments and in attacking some one else. They believe too much energy, money and time have been lost in this kind of mistaken strategy already. They desire a positive, aggressive, dynamic, unified program of action by those who are evangelical, a program of evangelism, of missions, of Christian education, of Gospel broadcasting, and of unity in every realm touching our Christian faith.

They want a sound doctrinal basis for such evangelical action. They want leadership in these realms. They are praying for and awaiting a national revival. They do not want to be diverted to participate in some back-alley scrap while religion other than evangelical seizes American loyalties, as is being done now.

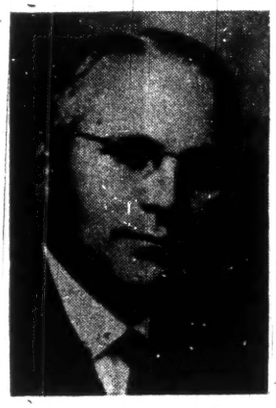
Tolerance Observed

American evangelicals believe that it is a cardinal principle of American life that any organization (non-revolutionary to government) has a right to exist and represent its constituency. The Federal Council has this right to speak and act for those who wish to have them do so. It is the right of these unrepresented millions also to have an organization speaking and acting for them.

Let others organize to attack the Federal Council or to attack the National Association of Evangelicals for United Action, if they please; that is their right. But we renounce such strategy and tactics. We refuse to waste our time and energy in such fruitless controversy.

Plan Presented

The National Association of Evangelicals for United Action shall give that leadership, that program, that unity for evangelicals in a constructive way, which has been lacking. This is enough to do without being contentious. Our positive doctrine and deeds will be enough to differentiate us from all kinds of apostasy in all places. Let our motto among the brethren be, "His banner over us was love."



DR. C. GORDON BROWNVILLE

NEW YORK AND BOSTON REPORT REVIVAL SPIRIT

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began with Coronado, and its purpose is Coronation of Jesus Christ the Son of God and only Saviour of American life and American lives."

Rev. J. Elwin Wright

Dr. Wood was followed by Rev. J. Elwin Wright, President of the New England Fellowship, who presented the urgent need of action in regard to religious broadcasting, in his address on "Radio and Religion."

This was followed by an open forum conducted by Dr. William Ward Ayer, Pastor of Calvary Baptist Church. Here questions asked were faced and the whole matter laid on the table. Hence the support was most enthusiastic. The participants constituted themselves a local association of the National Association of Evangelicals for United Action, to be called the Central Atlantic Association of Evangelicals for United Action. A committee was nominated and elected.

Dr. John W. Bradbury

The evening service opened with a worship service, led by Dr. John W. Bradbury, editor of The Watchman-Examiner, who gave the necessary Scriptural background for the work of the Association, using as his text Ephesians 4.

DR. H. M. SHUMAN

Dr. C. Gordon Brownville

Dr. C. Gordon Brownville, Pastor of Tremont Temple, Boston, brought the closing address on "The Divine Panacea." Philippians 4:19 — "But my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

Dr. Harold John Ockenga

Following this worship service Dr. Harold J. Ockenga, President of the National Association of Evangelicals for United Action, spoke on "The Paramount Need of the Hour."

The hour calls for united front for evangelical action. I am thoroughly convinced that our day is waiting for some movement to be launched on Christian lines. God help us to humble ourselves, God help us to be sane, God help us to seek to do His will. We stand together, in the shadow of the cross, cleansed by the blood of the Lamb. There let us unite for His glory. Today our people may be without God, tomorrow they will turn against God. Woe to him who bears the responsibility of that terrible tragedy."

Boston Rally

On the following day, Tuesday, June 9th, a widely representative group met in Boston for morning and afternoon sessions, at Gordon College, and for the evening session at Park Street Church. The spirit of revival, which was apparent at St. Louis and again at New York, was very much in evidence throughout the day in the Boston gathering. The cry of the two hundred ministers attending was "Lord, send a revival, and let it begin in me."

Throughout the day the music was furnished by the Radio Carollers of Providence Bible Institute, under the direction of Mr. F. Carlton Booth. Messages were brought by outstanding evangelical leaders of the National Association.

Accepts Chairmanship

Dr. R. S. Beal, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Tucson, a former president of the Arizona Baptist Convention, has accepted the general chairmanship of the Regional Conference of Evangelicals to be held in Phoenix next January. Dr. Beal is recognized as the outstanding leader of his denomination in Arizona. His church is the largest in membership of any in the state.

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I shall be glad to help in any way that I can to further the program. — *Dr. Stephen W. Paine*, Wesleyan Methodist, Pres., Houghton College.

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We are surely in sympathy with the aims of this movement, and trust God may graciously direct us that the interests of the evangelical Christians of America may be safeguarded. — *Noel Perkin*, Gen. Assem. of God.

QUESTION BOX

Conducted by
MR. HOWARD W. FERRIN

QUESTION: I believe that with this statement of doctrine, we will find this movement growing with leaps and bounds, as individuals can accept very heartily this statement, and churches, too. The thing that concerns me now is to know just where as churches, particularly as individual churches that are connected with great denominations, where we can come into a movement of this sort. Can we consistently be a member of the denomination and thus a part of the Federal Council, and still be connected with this new movement, which we all so heartily endorse?

ANSWER: Now, brethren, you have asked the one question upon which there was a day and a half of discussion at St. Louis. The answer is that we have formed this association because the Federal Council does not represent us, but we do not believe we have the right to ask an individual church to separate from its denomination, if that denomination is in the Federal Council, in order to become a member of the National Association. For it has been discussed again and again, and I trust I speak the mind of the brethren of these gatherings, that an individual church should not be required, due to the relationships between the individual church of the denomination, and the denomination and the Federal Council to commit itself in such a way as to make the position of that church in the denomination one of possible attack. In short, every church stands on its own feet. We do not ask any church to repudiate its denomination or the Federal Council. Furthermore, we, as an association only make statements regarding apostate organizations by name which are authorized by unanimous vote of the executive committee think that is a fair statement. If a man wants to attack the Federal Council in his own pulpit he can go ahead and do it. That is his business. It is not the intention of the association.

QUESTION: Do I understand that this is to be constituted of churches rather than denominations?

ANSWER: The question was raised yesterday by a man who said he belonged to the Cong. church in Conn., and he said, "I want to come into this, but I am not sure that I can get my church to do it. Will I be permitted as an individual member to come into this association?" Yes, but as to the basis of representation, an individual would not have the same voting power as a church, organization or denomination. In fact the denomination, conditioned by the number in the denomination, would have a proportionate delegation. The individual minister could come in and join, but on a different basis.

QUESTION: Is this movement going to be another organization for evangelism? Is it going to be another evangelizing force in this part of the country?

ANSWER: On page 5, the fields of endeavor are set before us, and "evangelism" comes first. There does not seem to be any evangelical organization in this country that is sufficiently strong enough to make any impression upon the Federal Communication Bureau.

QUESTION: "What can we do?"

ANSWER: There are three forms of classification, actually four for membership in the association. That application is to be taken and signed by the moderator and secretary of the body that votes to make application to the association for membership. That, in turn, is to be acted upon by this temporary committee, then you will be privileged next year, on the basis of representation, to send delegates to that National Convention, so it is clear that denominations will have full representation.

QUESTION: What about ministers who have churches that would not come in, but they would like to be identified with the movement?

ANSWER: "We want action. We want action now," seems to be the demand all over. In New York somebody got up and moved that we constitute ourselves an official body forming a Central Atlantic Association of the National Association, to which individual ministers could be adherents and laymen could be adherents, so that they could be part of the Association, and also have representation in the Constitutional Convention. A formal resolution was brought in of that type that enabled that body to constitute itself a representative organization within the association. It is my suggestion that all over the country such associations be constituted in order to have a constituted body to which ministers and laymen may belong so they can be connected with this National Association.

QUESTION: If pastors and members of churches officially align themselves with the National Association, are they also members of the local association?

ANSWER: Yes, the National Association will act along with the local organization. If your church has joined in with the association as such you have direct representation, but you, of course, would be considered part of the local association.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

I feel that God has a place for our organization to His glory. — *Dr. William Ward Ayer.*

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I am confident that it shall be our joy to see this organization function with united action for the evangelicals.—*T. J. Bach*, Scandinavian Alliance Mission of N. America.

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I am profoundly interested in whatever takes place in this movement. I, too, believe the Lord is in it, and it will eventually result in His honor.—*Robert J. Bateman*, Southern Baptist.

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I should be very happy to serve on the committee of 25 and do whatever is possible for the success of our organization. — *Dr. C. Gordon Brownville.*

BISHOP LESLIE MARSTON

I have great confidence in the cause we are promoting.—Bishop L. R. Marston.

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I am of the opinion that after faithful and united effort to organize the various evangelical groups of the country, that this new organization will be in position to speak authoritatively for several million people.—*E. C. Clark*, Church of God.

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I am glad to give my consent to become a member of the Committee of 25 to serve in an advisory capacity. — *Bishop Wm. Culbertson.*

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I believe that this organization has tremendous possibilities under the hand and guidance of God.—*Horace F. Dean.*

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I believe thoroughly in the objectives of the Association. —*Dr. Frank E. Gaebelein.*

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I am certainly in favor of the Organization, Principles and Policy, and am praying and trusting for its success.—*Richard Harvey.*

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This movement will soon make itself felt in the whole nation.—*James Henry Larson*, Evangelist.

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I believe we are in divine will.—*J. Alvin Orr.*

OUR MAIL BOX

Rev. R. H., Christian & Missionary Alliance

"It is an evangelical movement with a positive program and not a negative purpose. It is not out to fight others, but to exalt Christ and advance His kingdom at home and abroad.

"It is a movement undenominational and interdenominational in character embracing in its fellowship organizations, churches, denominations, and redeemed men and women who desire to worship and serve the Lord Jesus Christ in the faith of their fathers. It is an organization where there is no desire for self aggrandizement, but seeking solely to protect and promote the doctrine and liberties which the evangelical Christian Church have so long stood for and have thus far left as a heritage."

Rev. O. R., Schenectady City Mission

"During my more than twenty-five years of active Christian service in the form of Bible conferences and evangelistic endeavors in the Capitol district of the state of New York, I do not know of any meeting that impressed me more than this one. For years I have looked for a movement which would make it possible for the conservative evangelical churches to express their convictions in sane Christian activities. I was particularly impressed with your own statement from the St. Louis Conf. that this movement was not intended to advance anybody's ambitions; was not to encourage discussion of controversial doctrines, but rather to agree upon the fundamental doctrines of salvation through Christ."

Rev. O. J., Swedish Congregational

"Needless to say I am in complete sympathy with the movement known as the Association of Evangelicals for United Action. It seems to me to have come into being for just such a time as this. If, in its final shape and form this movement becomes a clearing house and a rallying center for all evangelicals within the nation, then this will be, under God, the greatest achievement since the days of the great revivals under Finney, Moody and others."

Rev. A. C. L., Baptist

"If the New England Regional Conference on United Action, held in Boston, is typical of similar conferences being held throughout the country, then one is justified in expecting a nation-wide revival in the near future. The meeting in Boston was characterized by a wonderful unity. Brethren representing all shades of evangelical beliefs were united in one passionate desire to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ. The messages and prayers alike reverberated with this theme, and at the conclusion of the day's activities one was of the conviction that this movement is of God, and is destined to be greatly used of Him in the furtherance of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, and in the revival of the Church which is His Body."

Rev. L. F., Presbyterian

"The National Association of Evangelicals for United Action is the answer to the prayers of God's people; that is the conviction of myself and of the members of my congregation. The liberals of our day have greatly surpassed us 'of like precious faith' in their ability to unite their forces. And in the light of the 17th chapter of John I, for one, have deplored the unnecessary weakening of the evangelical cause through division and misunderstanding over picayune issues. But I praise God for the opportunity of joining this Spirit-directed movement for united advance in the Saviour's name."

Rev. A. B., So. Africa General Mission

"As a pastor and missionary secretary, I appreciate the great possibilities in the future for the organization, and shall pray for God's blessing upon it. The proposed Regional Conferences will prove most beneficial to the church at large, and will inspire God's people toward a more intensive evangelistic effort throughout the country, and I trust even more so toward the speedy evangelization of the millions of our fellow human beings throughout the world."

Rev. C. H., Evangelical Free Church (Cong.)

"The regional conference for United Action among evangelicals was held in an atmosphere of earnest prayer and expectancy. All born-again believers can, and should, without hesitation endorse and join this very important movement; not only that Bible faith may be preserved despite imminent dangers, but also that God's message of redemption through Christ might be preached in this materialistic age by witnesses standing shoulder to shoulder in the bond of love."

Rev. C. W., Baptist

"I was thrilled when I heard the first reports of the St. Louis meeting telling of the action taken and the spirit of Christian love that permeated the sessions composed of delegates of over thirty denominations. Then I attended the regional conference. It was one of the mountain top experiences of my Christian life. I came away firmly convinced that this movement is of God and not of man."

FORTY-THREE RALLIES PLANNED

Plans for Coming Conferences

In September conferences similar to those held in New York and Boston will be arranged in many sections of the country. While these plans are still in the making the following is the tentative schedule so far as locations are concerned:

September
Cleveland, Ohio
Altoona, Pa.
Baltimore, Md.
Philadelphia, Pa.
Buffalo, N. Y.

October
Detroit, Mich.
Indianapolis, Ind.
Des Moines, Iowa
Minneapolis, Minn.
Bismarck, N. D.
Billings, Mont.
Seattle, Wash.
Portland, Ore.
Boise, Idaho
Denver, Colo.
Omaha, Nebr.

November
Kansas City, Mo.
Louisville, Ky.
Charleston, W. Va.
Washington, D. C.
Richmond, Va.
Asheville, N. C.
Nashville, Tenn.
Memphis, Tenn.
Little Rock, Ark.
Dallas, Texas
San Antonio, Texas
Shreveport, La.

January
Tulsa, Okla.
Albuquerque, N. M.
El Paso, Texas
Phoenix, Ariz.
San Diego, Calif.
Fresno, Calif.
Los Angeles, Calif.
Oakland, Calif.

March
Atlanta, Ga.
Chattanooga, Tenn.
Montgomery, Ala.
Jackson, Miss.
Jacksonville, Fla.
St. Petersburg, Fla.
Miami, Fla.

At each of the regional meetings, which will occupy a full day, outstanding leaders of the National Association of Evangelicals will speak. President H. J. Ockenga will be present at many rallies and will speak. There will be forums for the purpose of a free exchange of ideas regarding the constitution and matters of policy.

Rev. J. Elwin Wright, who was chairman of the Temporary Committee for the St. Louis Conference, has accepted the position of Promotional Director, and will give much of his time to arranging the sectional conferences. Strong committees are being organized in each district. **Those interested are invited to correspond with the office at Zero Park St., Boston, Mass.**

NEW ENGLAND ORGANIZES REGIONAL CONF. OF NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

United Evangelical Action To Be Well Represented in New England States

A regional conference of the National Association of Evangelicals for United Action was held in Boston on Tuesday, June 9th. President H. J. Ockenga was authorized to appoint a committee to organize the New England Conference for United Action. He presented the following committee:

James T. Rider
Ivar Sellevaag
Carlton Helgerson
E. S. Eielsen
Arthur B. Mercer
Buell Maxfield
Irving Barnes
W. F. Smalley
A. W. Geary
John A. Huffman
George Murray
A. A. Aubert
H. W. True

This committee met and organized for action on June 15, 1942. Three members of the St. Louis group were present to guide our regional group. Tentative plans were suggested to hold sectional conferences in New Haven, Conn., Providence, R. I., Springfield and Worcester, Mass., Portland and Bangor, Me., Dover and Laconia, N. H., Lowell, Mass., Rutland, Vt., and Presque Isle, Me. The response from the key folks in these areas has been very gratifying.

It was voted to ask several men to represent this organization at several camp meetings this summer, including the Pastors' Conference at Rumney, the Providence Bible School Conference, Old Orchard, The Christian and Missionary Alliance Conference at Old Orchard, the Advent Christian Conferences at Old Orchard and Alton Bay, N. H.

This committee is formulating a plan whereby individuals can become members, with a group of several hundred who have already enrolled from every state in New England.

The General Committee elected the following officers:
Chair., James T. Rider
V. Chair., Rev. Irving Barnes
Sec., Rev. Carlton Helgerson
Treas., Rev. Ivar Sellevaag.

Leaders were appointed for the regional conferences, the first one to be held at Dover, N. H., on July 14th.

The National Association provides membership for denominations or local churches, but this New England conference has made provision for individuals to enroll.

LOYAL BOOSTER REPORTS ACTION

Dr. H. J. Ockenga
Park Street Church
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Ockenga:

It was my privilege, together with Mr. Carl Gunderson of Chicago, Ill., to present the matter of the National Association of Evangelicals for United Action to the annual meeting of The Norwegian Evangelical Free Church Association of North America, held at New Haven, Conn., June 10-14, 1942. The result was that the delegates and the pastors voted unanimously to unite. They elected Rev. E. Berntsen of Muskegon, Mich., the president, to represent the Association at next year's meeting in Chicago. You will no doubt hear from him and the secretary, Rev. E. S. Eielsen of New Haven, Conn.

At your request I also contacted the leaders of The Evangelical Free Church of America. The result was that the invitation to unite with us was presented at their annual meeting in Rockford, Ill., June 17-21, and they voted to send two delegates to next year's meeting. The telegram stating their decision has been forwarded to you in a previous letter.

Last night our Church, Court Street Christian Church of Portsmouth, N. H., in a meeting called for that purpose, voted unanimously to unite. They also voted to send a check for the amount I pledged at the Boston meeting.

You will also be interested to know that the leaders of "The Fundamental Ministers Fellowship" and the "Round Table Fellowship" are calling a meeting, in connection with the N. E. area Conference in Dover, July 14th, for the purpose of organizing the two groups into a fellowship which can unite with our Evangelical Association for United Action.

As always,
(Signed) *I. Sellevaag.*

EARLY APPLICATIONS

Our offices at Zero Park Street, Boston, Mass., are kept busy corresponding with ministers, churches, organizations, and denominations desiring early affiliation with the National Association of Evangelicals for United Action. Among the National Church bodies applying for membership are the Evangelical Free Church, and the Norwegian and Danish Evangelical Free Church of North America.

Outstanding individual congregations such as Park Street Congregational Church, Boston, and the Tenth Presbyterian Church of Philadelphia, likewise, have come in!

RADIO PROBLEMS REVIEWED

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individuals of differing or no religious faith should be addressed *without dilution of doctrinal teaching* to the understanding of that public.

2. THAT religious programs should not attack religious teachings of members of other faiths. When religious doctrines are expounded on the air, the presentation should be affirmative.

3. THAT time for the broadcasting of religious programs should be provided by radio stations in keeping with their responsibility to serve the "public interest, convenience and necessity." Religious programs should be presented, *wherever possible*, on a sustaining basis.

4. THAT time available, be allocated by networks or local station management in co-operation with advisory committees from the various faiths, in order to insure fair treatment of the various religious bodies seeking representation on the air. Also, that time for religion on the air should be provided in accordance with (a) the merit of the program for which time is sought, and (b) the numerical strength of the various religious faiths within the service areas of the networks or local stations.

5. THAT no regular religious radio programs should appeal over the air for contributions for the support of the radio program itself. Nor should a charge for sermons, pamphlets or religious objects, distributed through religious programs, be used by the sponsor as a means of raising funds.

6. THAT religious broadcasts in wartime as well as in peace times should not only avoid stirring up hatred against human beings of any race, nation or creed but should seek to contribute to the understanding and good will which are basic to a just and durable peace among the peoples of the world.

Radio Monopoly

The present situation is that liberals have a virtual monopoly on the networks, as far as sustaining time is concerned. Practically all the programs for which payment is made are sponsored by evangelicals. Recommendations one and three, as originally drafted, would have been the deathknell of such programs if the recommendations had been adopted by the Code Committee. The changes have relieved that danger. However, the delegates of the National Association of Evangelicals were not able to kill recommendation five, which is of equal importance. However the story is not ended. It is the purpose of the National Association of Evangelicals to continue the fight for the right of broadcasters paying for time to solicit, in a proper manner, the funds needed to carry on.

Attitude Expressed

We contend that the listening audience to a religious broadcast is in the same relationship to the broadcaster as the audience in his church. They are tuned in because they believe they are being benefited by what they hear. It is proper and just that they should have the opportunity to contribute to the expense.

Benefits Derived

The National Association has made a great contribution to every Gospel broadcaster in covering this situation. It has also received the assurance of the National Broadcasting Company that evangelicals will receive a fair allotment of time for sustaining broadcasts as soon as we are ready to take advantage of it.

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